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Hague, May 18, *N. S.*

THE States of Friesland will meet in a few Days, and those of Utrecht on the 15th of June. The Grand Pensionary is much better, and hopes to be able to go to the Assembly of the States of Holland next Week. The Prince of Hesse Philipstadt, who designed for France, has changed his Mind, and is to return next Month to Germany to wait on the King of Sweden, who is expected at Cassel this Summer.

AT the Court at St. *James's*, the 11th Day of *May*, 1731.

PRESENT,

The King's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

His Majesty having been pleased to appoint the Right Reverend Father in God Edward Lord Bishop of Durham to be Lord Lieutenant of the County of Durham, his Lordship this Day took the Oaths appointed to be taken thereupon, instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

Whitehall, May 15.

On Wednesday last their Majesties, with his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Duke, the Princess Royal, their Royal Highnesses the Princesses Amelia, Caroline, Mary and Louisa, went from St. James's to reside for some Time at Richmond.

Whitehall, May 15.

His Majesty has been pleased to constitute and appoint Sir Walter Yonge, Sir John Stanley, Barts. Thomas Walker, Esq; Sir Charles Peers, Kt. Sir John Evelyn, Sir James Campbell, Barts. John Campbell, Brian Fairfax, Henry Hale, George Drummond, John Hill, Gwynn Vaughan, George Ross and Wardel George Westby, Esqrs. to be Commissioners for the Management of His Majesty's Customs in Great Britain during His Majesty's Pleasure.

His Majesty has been pleased to grant unto Richard Arundel, Esq; the Office or Offices of Keeper of His Majesty's private Roads, Gates and Bridges, and of Conductor or Guide to His Majesty in His Royal Progresses, in the Room of William Watkins, Esq; deceased.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, May 11, 1731.

The Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, pursuant to the Power given to them by Act of Parliament in this Behalf, have been pleased to order and appoint, that the Monies to be contributed for Tickets in the Lottery for Eight Hundred Thousand Pounds, are to be paid in to the Bank of England to the Hands of the Cashiers, who are appointed Receivers thereof, by two equal Payments, that is to say, one Moiety of the Monies so to be contributed to be paid on or before the First Day of June, 1731, and the other Moiety on or before the Twentieth Day of August 1731. And all Persons, Bodies Politick and Corporate, who shall become Purchasers of the said Tickets, are to take Notice hereof, and to make their Payments accordingly, under the Penalties and Forfeitures by the said Act inflicted in case of Failure thereof.

Admiralty-Office, April 30, 1731.

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty being sensible of the Poor Circumstances that many Officers of the Navy do leave their Families in after their Death; and having applied their Thoughts to find out some Provision for relieving the Necessities of the Widows and Children of such Poor Officers; and being of Opinion, that nothing will so effectually answer so good a Purpose, as a voluntary Agreement and Consent of the Commission and Warrant Officers of the Navy, to allow of an Abatement of Three Pence in the Pound, out of their Personal Pay and Half Pay, and that the Fund arising thereby, as well as such other Benefactions which well disposed Persons may at any Time contribute, be put under the Management of a Body of Men incorporated together by a Royal Charter, to be applied to the Relief of Poor Widows and Children as aforesaid: In order therefore that the Officers of the Navy may be apprized of the Nature of the intended Corporation, and that it may be known, whether they are in general willing to consent to the proposed Abatement; their Lordships do hereby give Notice, that Printed Schemes are lodged at this, and the Navy-Office, as also with the Commissioner of the Navy, or Chief Naval Officer at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, Sheerness, Deal, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Harwich, and Kinsale, where all such Commission and Warrant Officers, as are so minded, may go and peruse the same; and such of them as are willing to allow of the Abatement proposed, are desired to subscribe their Names thereto.

By Command of their Lordships,

J. Burchett.

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